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**BALLFIELD DEDICATION CEREMONY HONORS  
LIFE AND LEGEND OF VOLUNTEER YOUTH COACH**  
*Enrique Banda, Sr. Ballfield Becomes Reality*

**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** –The public is invited to join Glendale Vice Mayor Ian Hugh and several Banda family members for a special ceremony commemorating the official dedication and renaming of the Rose Lane Community Park ballfield in honor of Enrique Banda, Sr. at 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at Rose Lane Park, 51st and W. Marlette avenues.

Prior to his death in 2005, Enrique Banda, Sr. was a Korean War veteran and longtime volunteer for Glendale's Parks and Recreation youth sports programs. He received many accolades for his efforts in the community, including the 1996 Heroes Award for the State of Arizona from the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association; the 1996 Hon Kachina Award; 1996 National Coach of the Year from the National Youth Sports Coaches Association; the 1997 Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Volunteer of the Year; and the 2005 City of Glendale Volunteer Award.

The ceremony will take place mid-game, during a special time-out pause in play in the day's scheduled softball tournament. For additional information, contact Mike Gregory, with Glendale Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, at 623-930-2652.

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